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My dear Fellow Minister:

SUNDAY RETAIL SELLING in Michigan can, and will be restricted only to a certain few necessary goods and services, if our State Legislature can be persuaded to adopt the proposed Michigan Sunday Selling Bill which has just been introduced in the House of Representatives.

Sponsors and endorsers of the Bill, including leaders of both parties, churches, business and labor, believe such a law is necessary immediately, in order to preserve our traditional religious observances of the Sabbath and to prevent the economic exploitation of the consumer.

A hearing on this Bill to limit Sunday Selling will be held before the House State Affairs Committee in about ten days, probably in the period February 25 - 27.

This letter is written to solicit your wholehearted cooperation in urging the members of your church to advise their local State Representative, as well as the several members of the House State Affairs Committee, of the desire of your people for the passage of the measure to restrict Sunday Selling.

We hope that you will make this request in your oral and written announcements throughout the next ten days and stress that all such members' letters must be completed immediately and mailed by Sunday, February 23, at the latest. You, personally, should also write the strongest letter you can draft in support of this measure, now!

To facilitate this request, a map is enclosed which shows the State Legislative Districts and a list of the Representatives. This should enable you to advise your people orally and in writing as to the name of their own Representative whom they should contact.

Letters also should be written to those listed below--the Chairman and the members of the House State Affairs Committee. Address all letters to the individual, c/o House of Representatives, Lansing.

Thank you for your cooperation and interest. Please keep in mind that time is of the essence!

Yours cordially,

Marshall R. Reed
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